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GUFFEY COMPANY FAILS IN EFFORT TO CAP GAS.

GERMANS GROW WEARY OF WAR

Among All Classes Belief Is Openly Expressed That Time for Peace Has Arrived.—In England and France Talk of Peace Meets With But Little Favor

TWO LENGTHS OF CASING ARE THROWN FROM HOLE AND A HUGE CRATER IS FORMING THAT PROBABLY MEANS LOSS OF WORLD'S GREATEST GAS PRODUCER

HOPE IS NOT ABANDONED

While There is Every Indication That the Well Has Been Lost Guffey Drillers Have Not Quite Given Up.

Failure is apparently to be the reward of the Guffey Petroleum Company in their efforts to cap the big gas well brought in on December 31 in the White Point field, seven miles from Corpus Christi. There is every indication that the well is to sink into the bowels of the earth, as did the great gasser in the same field brought in on November 12, 1915.

Though the drillers for the company last night would not admit defeat in the effort to harness the world's greatest gas well, the developments of the day and the previous night were sufficient to dampen the ardor of the most stout-hearted. Two lengths of the casing has been spewed out of the ground and cast to the sides.

A hole two feet square and fifteen deep had developed around the well within the past thirty-six hours. Considering the well is spouting huge quantities of gas, sand and mud, it is impossible to get inside more than 100 feet of the well. Geologically the sides around the big cavernous crater which has there is everything to indicate the same fate that befell Gaffey gassers sooner or later.

The latest information from the driller in charge of the field is impossible. They are not trying. But certainly even the recent loss of the gas development of the field there is no hope for success in getting the well back into the ground. The well that has been lost has produced sufficient gas for Corpus Christi for over three months.

Geologically the movement received the driller's report, but next Wednesday, Dr. Gaffey, the Gaffey Company's chief oil engineer, who is in the field at the moment, will be in touch with the driller.

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The cement work for the Gaffey well, as announced in a previous issue of the Caller, is rapidly progressing and probably by the latter part of the present week Contractor Allison will begin drilling through the rock encountered at a depth of 2445 feet.

CASE OF VON PAPEN IS REGARDED AS CLOSED

DISCLOSURES CONTAINED IN PAPERS SEIZED BY BRITISH NOT NEWS IN WASHINGTON

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—Disclosures of Capt. von Papen's alleged connection with men accused of blowing up munitions plants in the United States, as made by papers of the former German military attaché seized at Falmouth by the British authorities, brought no indication of official news here. State department records is said, reveal von Papen's activities and the London reports, while other papers are not likely to cause any excitement here, where officials consider the incident was closed with the result.

FEARS FOREIGN AGGRESSION.

Hudson Maxim Urges That Army and Navy Be Enlarged.

NEW HAVEN, Conn., Jan. 15.—James Hudson Maxim, gun inventor, in a speech here tonight appealed for a larger army and navy. He said that regardless of who wins the European war the danger of foreign aggression will confront the United States.

TAFT, LANE, GARRISON,
NAMED FOR SUPREME BENCH



Top to Bottom—GARRISON,
TAFT, LANE

In the newspaper discussions of a possible successor to the late Supreme Court Justice Joseph M. Tamm, the names of Garrison, President Taft, Secretary of War Lane have been mentioned frequently. Mr. Taft had expressed the opinion that he would be a good choice. The Austrian pursuit of the Montenegro ramifications on the southwestern and eastern fronts. Vienna claims that the Austrians took one hundred and fifty cannon, ten thousand rifles and great quantities of ammunition when they captured Cetinje.

The Montenegrins, it is reported, are preparing to make a stand at Bosna, southeast of Cetinje, and it necessary will concentrate at Scutari, Albania. Austrian pursuit of the Montenegro ramifications on the southwestern and eastern fronts. Vienna claims that the Austrians took one hundred and fifty cannon, ten thousand rifles and great quantities of ammunition when they captured Cetinje.

Because of gas fumes it was an hour after the terrific detonation had started and alarmed officials and employees of the navy yard, before the bodies could be recovered, many of the rescuers being overcome by the fumes.

The cause of the explosion is not definitely known, but the workmen inside were recharging the new Edison batteries at the time of the accident.

It is stated that these batteries will not generate gas and there was no gasoline aboard.

Navy yard officials have started an investigation.

This is the second accident of the sort in the history of the United States navy.

BOARD OF INQUIRY APPOINTED.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—The cause of the explosion today on Submarine E-2 in dry dock at the New York navy yard, probably will not be determined until the special board of naval officers, appointed tonight, completes its inquiry.

An official report from the commandant of the navy yard that the new Edison batteries were being discharged and not recharged, as first reported, upset the theory that hydrogen gas had been ignited.

CAUSEWAY AND APPROACH TO BE READY IN TIME FOR EXPOSITION

COMMISSIONER HODGES OF PORTLAND DISTRICT WILL OPEN TEMPORARY ROAD FROM PORTLAND TO THE CAUSEWAY, WHICH WILL OPEN TO ALL TRAFFIC DURING FOUR DAYS OF THE EXPOSITION.

To the illness of Secretary Faris, the director of the Gulf Coast Exposition Association, have appointed W. H. Hall as general supervisor for the exposition to start next Wednesday morning and to close on Saturday night. There is every indication that more than 50,000 visitors will be here for the four days. No particular day is the peak of the exposition.

The marriage rate has lately assumed abnormal dimensions, from which it is argued that many men are entering wedlock because employers have announced that in order to have young men free to enlist they intend to give preference to married men.

Despondent Soldier Takes His Own Life Near Brownsville

PRIVATE E. H. WALTON BLOWS HEAD OFF WITH ARMY RIFLE

DEED WAS PREMEDITATED

ONE MAN KILLED, THREE WOUNDED IN GUN FIGHT

THE WEATHER

WASHINGTON, Jan. 15.—For

East Texas Sunday partly

cloudy, cooler; east wind north

temperature fall twenty to thirty

degrees. Monday fair, cooler

in east.

For West Texas: Sunday un-

settled, cooler. Monday fair.

Family trouble was the alleged cause

of the fight.

WAXAHACHEE, Jan. 15.—A

fire fight this afternoon between four

Thompson brother and Bodie and Clancy Cunningham brothers. Bodie Thompson was killed and Mr. Thompson and the two Cunningham seriously wounded.

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